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"CAROLINA CASH 5" PLAYER WINS NEARLY \$300,000 SUNDAY

-Powerball Player Matches All Five White Balls to Win \$200,000-

RALEIGH – Two North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) players scored big prizes over the weekend. One player won the top prize of \$297,491 in Sunday's "Carolina Cash 5" drawing by matching all five numbers and another player won \$200,000 in Saturday's Powerball drawing. The "Carolina Cash 5" ticket was sold at Bilboa Food Mart Inc. on Angier Avenue in Durham. The Powerball ticket worth \$200,000 was sold at Holiday To Go #1 on Blowing Rock Boulevard in Lenoir. That player matched all five white balls to win. Another ticket worth \$10,000 was sold in New Bern. The jackpot for Wednesday's Powerball drawing is worth an estimated \$165 million.

On Friday, a Charlotte woman came to NCEL headquarters to collect the second largest "Carolina Cash 5" top prize awarded to date. Margret Joseph said she let the computer pick her numbers on the ticket that won her \$540,245 in the March 3 drawing. She was uncertain how she would use the winnings.

In the past four days, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won \$463,567 in prizes and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won \$675, 830 in prizes. Instant scratch-off ticket players won more than \$3.2 million in prizes.

Winner in the March 11 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

Winner Purchased	<u>Hometown</u>	Amount Won	Store Where Ticket Was
Unknown		\$297,491	Bilboa Food Mart Inc. 3639 Angier Ave., Durham

Winners in the March 10 Powerball drawing:

Winner Purchased	<u>Hometown</u>	Amount Won	Store Where Ticket Was
Unknown		\$200,000	Holiday To Go #1 440 Blowing Rock Blvd., Lenoir
Timmy Hoell	Vanceboro	\$10,000	Beach Grove Fuel Market 920 Washington Post Rd., New Bern

Winner in the March 3 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

Winner	<u>Hometown</u>	Amount Won	Store Where Ticket Was
Purchased Margret Joseph	Charlotte	\$540,245	Spring Gas & Grocery

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Winner in the March 7 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	Store Where Ticket Was
Purchased			
Thomas Miller	Statesville	\$10,000	Fast Phil's #12
			935 Salisbury Rd., Statesville

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	Amount Won	Game Played
Harry Ikerd	Vale	\$22,222	"Tic TacTwo's"
Gerald Peace	Archdale	\$5,000	"Extreme Green"
Tamika Poole	Wilson	\$5,555	"Fast 5's"

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100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and college scholarships for need-based individuals.